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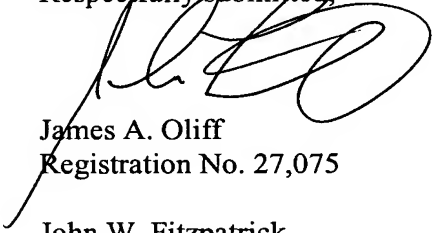
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 9-142691 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. JP 9-100046 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,738,455.

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